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FIGHT TO FINISH, GOV. WALTON SAYS

Okl. Executive Appeals for Funds
to Wage Anti-Klan War

IMPEACHMENT PROCEEDINGS

Lower House of Assembly Will Meet
Next Wednesday—Walton Threat-
ens to Arm Every Anti K. K. K.
Man in State to Quell Organization.

By The Associated Press.
Oklahoma City, Sept. 21.—Legisla-
tors seeking the official head of J. C.
Walton marched on today in their
plans for impeachment while the ex-
ecutive gathered strength for a final
drive on the Ku Klux Klan, which he
blames for the storm that has broken
about him.

Threat For Governor.
The lower house of the legislature
will convene at noon Wednesday to
consider charges that Walton has set
at naught constitutional government
and if the governor interferes with
the meeting he "acts at his peril."
This was the pronouncement of legis-
lators who will seek his impeachment.

Walton's legislative enemies are
convinced that he would not carry out
his threat to jail the house members
if they attempted to assemble. Since
violence has threatened the governor's
legal advisors have urged him to per-
mit the session as they declare it
would be illegal and without effect.
However the final word remains to be
spoken and the threat has not yet
been withdrawn.

Appeals For Funds.

Admitting the fight was weighing
heavily upon him, the governor sent
out an appeal for funds, asking those
who believe in a representative form
of government to send contributions
to Mrs. Aldrich Blake, Oklahoma
City, wife of the executive counselor.
Blake now is absent from the state
on a mission for the governor.

The governor was defiant. "I have
crossed the Rubicon; it is a fight to
the finish," he declared.

He said that if it proved necessary
he would arm every man in the state
who is opposed to the "invisible em-
pire."

Broadside at Klan.

A broadside was turned on the
Klan by the governor last night when
he released a portion of the testi-
mony taken before a military court
here showing that county Attorney J.
K. Wright, Sheriff Tom Carver and
District Judge G. W. Clark had been
obligated to the Klan and detailing
charges made by Dr. A. A. Maupin,
a dentist and former member of the
organization, as to the connection of
the "invisible empire" with mob violence.

It was Judge Clark who issued a
call for a special grand jury to in-
vestigate charges that the governor
illegally had used state employees to
check names on an initiative petition
to which he was opposed.

The grand jury was dismissed when
the military authorities trained ma-
chine guns on the court room at the
orders of the governor. Walton
charges that a "Klan judge" and a
Klan grand jury were attempting to
interfere with his war on the "in-
visible empire."

Was Once Initiated.

Judge Clark summoned the grand
jury when a petition for the con-
vening of the body was submitted to
him.

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12 MEN TO DECIDE WARD'S FATE



This is the jury of Walter S. Ward's peers who are sitting in judgment on the son of the millionaire baker on a first degree murder charge at White Plains, N. Y., for the death of Clarence Peters. First row: Charles Schilling, 18, exporter; Henry Banks, 40, machinist; Chas. F. Keefe, 50, farmer; Arthur Young, 65, builder; Napoleon Major, 18, clothier; Alfred A. Lloyd, 60, retired. Back row: Ivan P. Flood, 40, secretary; David Horton, 50, manufacturer; Stephen P. Batchelor, 55, retired grocer; Adolph Loeschner, 50, butcher; G. Wesley Tomkins, 55, merchant. Lloyd Birdsell, 35, realtor (head to be seen behind juror in rear row) refused to pose.

70 YEAR OLD SLAYER OF HIS WIFE GOING INSANE

Alienists Claim Bridgeport Man,
However, Was Sane When He
Struck Her Down With Axe.

Bridgeport, Sept. 21.—Steve Pellath,
aged 70, who on August 10 last fat-
ally wounded his seventy year old
wife with an axe, was adjudged to
be of sound mind in superior court
here today, and upon his plea of
guilty was sentenced to no less than
four or more than ten years in state's
prison by Judge Arthur F. Ellis.

A report of a commission of three
alienists read by State Attorney Hon-
or S. Cummings informed the court
that although they deemed him as
having been responsible for his act at
the time it was committed, he was
now on the border of insanity. One
of the doctors on the commission
stated he believed Pellath had but few
years more to live.

Pellath after giving himself up to
the police following his attack upon
his wife, made confession in which he
stated that she had nagged him until
he had lost his temper, when he im-
portuned her for 50 cents to get a
shave.

STEAMER GOES AGROUND

Into Mud in Narragansett Bay—
Passengers Transferred.

Providence, Sept. 21.—The Colonial
line steamer Lexington from New
York went aground in a thick fog in
Narragansett bay early this morning.
The passengers were transferred to a
small steamer and brought to this
city. The Lexington is believed to be
undamaged and after being lightened
of part of its cargo it is expected that
she will be floated at high tide and
able to make her return trip this
evening.

Ex-Gov. Shoup of Colo., Is Willing to Be on Ticket

Colorado Springs, Colo., Sept. 21.—
Oliver Shoup of Colorado Springs, for-
mer governor of Colorado, who has
been mentioned in recent articles in
eastern papers as a possible running
mate for Calvin Coolidge on the 1924
republican ticket, would accept the
vice-presidential nomination if it were
offered him, he told the Associated
Press last night.

WARD'S TALE ABOUT KILLING IS RETOLD

Sheriff Relates Tale of Grappling,
Then Fatal Shot

TWO OTHERS ALSO FIRED

Defense Witness Says That After
Body Was Found, Accused De-
scribed Just How Shooting Oc-
curred.

White Plains, Sept. 21.—Counsel for
the defense in the trial of Walter S.
Ward, charged with the murder of
Clarence Peters, today further inter-
rogated Frank Cody, New Rochelle
chief of police, who testified yesterday
that a revolver identified by Ward as
one with which Peters threatened to
kill him, looked very much like a re-
volver which Cody gave Ward shortly
before the killing.

Police Chief Called.

Cody was asked by Attorney Camp-
bell, for the defense, where he had
obtained the pistol he gave to Ward.
He said he took it from a safe in
which there were a number of old
pistols. The witness said he had never
seen the pistol before and admitted
he had never had an opportunity to
become familiar with it since.

Cody testified that before he took
the stand yesterday, Dist. Attorney
Chambers, who is conducting the
prosecution, had asked him if he
could not make more positive his
identification of the pistol.

Ward in claiming he shot Peters in
self defense produced the pistol in
question as one held by Peters in his
hand at the time of the shooting.

Cody said he had made every ef-
fort to trace the number and source
of the gun he had given Ward but
without success.

Admitted He Was Lucky.

Coroner Edward Fitzgerald testi-
fied that he had talked to Ward on
the day he had surrendered.

"I said 'you are lucky they didn't
get you,'" he testified, "and Ward re-
plied 'yes, and I might not be so
lucky later on.'"

Questions as to the state of mind of
Ward during the conversation as to
whom was meant by "they" were
ruled out by the court.

The defense introduced as an ex-
hibit, a copy of a statement in Ward's
behalf given to the sheriff after the
shooting.

Sheriff Warner took the stand and
repeated Ward's description of the
killing of Peters, as Attorney Camp-
bell had told it to him in his home in
the presence of Ward and others
shortly after the slaying.

The witness said Mr. Campbell de-
scribed a meeting between Ward and
three men described as Charlie Ross,
Jack Rogers and "Pete" (Peters on
the White Plains road the night of
the killing. The three men were in a
large automobile and Ward was in
his coupe. "Pete" got into the small
car with Ward and drawing a pistol

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DRUNKEN AUTOIST JAILED

New Haven Motorist Hits Pole But Is
Not Hurt—Judge Says Drunken
Drivers Are Too Common.

New Haven, Sept. 21.—An automob-
ile driver who while drunk sent his
machine into a telephone pole and
broke it off, being unhurt, although
the pole held him and a companion in
the car, was sent to jail for 20 days
and fined \$100 today by Judge Wat-
rous, after a declaration that driving
while drunk was getting to be too
common.

Italians Begin to Leave Corfu Today, Ahead of Time

London, Sept. 21.—Although the
conference of ambassadors fixed Sept.
27 as the date for the Italian evacua-
tion of Corfu the Italian actually be-
gan their evacuation today, says a
Central News dispatch from Athens.
Artillery brigades, guns and ammuni-
tion have already been embarked.

OLD ACTOR DIES.

New York, Sept. 21.—Harry Bra-
ham, 73 year old actor, associated
with Tony Pastor and William H.
Crane in the seventies and eighties,
died yesterday in Staten Island hospi-
tal.

NO CLEVELAND GAME.

Washington, Sept. 21.—(American)
—Cleveland-Washington postponed;
rain.

ACTED AS DUMMY 6 YEARS TO AVOID PUNISHMENT

Former New Haven and Stamford
Man "Finds Voice" to Plead
Guilty to Manslaughter

Bridgeport, Sept. 21.—Evading
punishment for causing the death of
his father-in-law and the wounding
of two others for more than six years
by playing the part of a dummy, Fer-
dinando Laudati, formerly of New
Haven and Stamford, today found his
tongue to plead "guilty" before
Judge Arthur F. Ellis in superior
court here to count of manslaughter,
and was sentenced to from four to
15 years in state prison.

On March 10, 1917, Laudati shot
and killed his father-in-law, Ernesto
Pompi, while the latter was in his
Stamford home giving a music les-
son, wounded Pompi's wife and a
music student.

Committed to the insane asylum at
Middletown, Laudati assumed the
role of a half-wit, refused to utter
a sound and defied efforts to induce
him to conversation by means of
chloroform and pins. Escaping from
the asylum in December, 1917, Lau-
dati was apprehended in Long Island
last year and upon return to the
scene of his crime proved less ob-
stinate and confessed.

SECOND N. B. H. S. STAR QUITS FOOTBALL TEAM

O'Brien, Three Letter Man,
Disagrees With Coach
Cassidy's Policies

Edward ("Pat") O'Brien, a letter-
man in three branches of athletics at
the New Britain high school, quit the
football squad this afternoon in pro-
test against the policies of Coach
George M. Cassidy, whose differences
with Haliback William McCue, cap-
tain of this year's squad, resulted in
McCue's resignation this week and an
investigation by David L. Dunn, a
former player and coach, whose probe
of the athletic situation convinced
him, he reported, that McCue had not
been accorded the respect and fair
play due a captain.

Asked this afternoon why he had
quit the squad, O'Brien replied:
"I have nothing to say only that I'm
through with all branches of sport
that Cassidy has control over. I don't
think that Bill McCue or myself was
given a square deal in athletics by
the coach. With us it is a question
of principle and we are opposed to
favoritism."

O'Brien was in the backfield in
practically all the big games last sea-
son. Through his display of game-
ness and his ground gaining abilities
he won favor with the fans and was
one of the most popular members of
the team. He is tall, rangy and fleet
of foot which qualities won a regular
berth in his first year out for the
team.

In basketball he won his "NB" with
little difficulty and in track he cap-
tured a letter for quarter mile sprints.
He is a junior.

McCue, whose resignation was
handed to Manager Robert Snelde-
man Wednesday afternoon and which
was received by Coach Cassidy short-
ly afterward, today received from the
coach a letter of acceptance. The let-
ter was brief, containing no request
for his return to the squad nor any
expression of regrets.

A team of high school alumni, com-
posed practically in its entirety of
players who won their letters with
the championship teams of several
years ago, has already offered McCue
and O'Brien places in its backfield. It
has been planned to pit the present
high school eleven against the alumni
in a practice game shortly. Those
who will play in the backfield with
McCue and O'Brien are "Dixie" Grif-
fin, former All-Connecticut quarter-
back, and "Battler" Murtha, former
All-Connecticut fullback.

Donald McGuire, a member of the
squad, quit the team last night. It
was learned this afternoon, as was
the case with McCue and O'Brien, Mc-
Guire claims that he was not given
equal opportunities on the gridiron,
and he has also expressed sympathies
with his former captain, hence his de-
cision to retire. McGuire has been
practically conceded a permanent
position at end this year.

THE WEATHER

Hartford, Sept. 21.—Forecast for
New Britain and vicinity:
Showers and cooler tonight;
Saturday fair and cooler, south
shifting to northwest winds.

OSCAR UNDERWOOD PUTS ASIDE LEAGUE

Reported Declaring That He Has
Changed His Mind
RESULT OF FOREIGN TRIP

Copyrighted Interview in Chicago
Tribune Quotes Him in Saying That
Observation Has Convinced Him It
Is a Failure.

Chicago, Sept. 21.—Senator Oscar
W. Underwood, Alabama's candidate
for the democratic presidential nom-
ination, is no longer a strong advo-
cate of the league of nations, he is
credited by the Chicago Tribune to-
day as saying in an interview.

To the senator, once an eloquent
advocate of the league, who was in
Chicago on his way to Washington
from a fishing vacation at Eagle
River, Wis., was attributed the fol-
lowing statement:

"I am no longer a strong advo-
cate of the league of nations. My
original views are well known. How-
ever on my trip abroad I saw the
league at work. Developments then
and subsequently have changed my
attitude. The failure of the league
to function in the dispute between
Italy and Greece had much to do
with the change."

The senator also said he did not
think the league would be an issue
in the approaching campaign.

"The present administration's lack
of a definite foreign policy and its
failure to achieve any notable ac-



OSCAR UNDERWOOD

complishments at home will furnish
the best democratic campaign mate-
rial," the senator was quoted by the
Tribune as declaring.

Assails G. O. P. Actions

The republican party in the com-
ing session of congress "will do little
except mark time, fill the pork barrel
and study its various candidates for
the presidential nomination," Sena-
tor Underwood declared.

"I don't think the republicans are
going to do anything except drift
until the election next year," de-
clared the Alabama senator, whose
friends are supporting him for the
democratic presidential nomination.

The league of nations, he said, will
not be an issue "but the fact that
the republican party flunked com-
pletely on European affairs will be."

"There was nothing to prevent Amer-
ica from keeping up to American
diplomatic traditions even if mem-
bership in the league was objection-
able to republicans," he added. In-
stead of doing this, he declared, "the
republicans have muddled around on
the method of approach to the prob-
lem and fallen down completely on
the main objective which was to
protect and conserve the interests of
the United States in Europe."

He said he probably will resume
efforts to repeal the present Canadian
tariff bill or commit the democratic
platform to its repeal in 1924.

PRINCIPAL SLADE SPEAKS

Head of High School Discusses United
States Constitution at Noon Meet-
ing of Lions Club.

Principal Louis P. Slade of the
New Britain high school was the
speaker at the regular meeting of the
Lions club held this noon at the
Elks club on Washington street. He
had as his topic "The Constitution"
and asserted that if the flag is the
symbol of our country then the con-
stitution should be the slogan.

President Carl W. French presided
at the gathering. The report of the
treasurer was read by Harry Han-
cock and James O'Brien, secretary,
made several announcements in re-
gard to future activities of the club.
The next regular meeting will be
held on Tuesday of next week with a
Massachusetts congressman as the
speaker.

MAKE RESTITUTION

Consequently Two Bridgeport Men
Will Not Have to Face Charges of
Theft in Superior Court.

Bridgeport, Sept. 21.—Charles and
Isadore Birnbaum were released from
facing charges of theft in superior
court today upon making restitution
for frauds alleged in connection with
the bankruptcy of a hardware con-
cern which they had operated. When
their concern went bankrupt the pair
were accused of removing goods to
a warehouse and disposing of them
illegally. Today they paid \$2,000 to
reimburse losses to creditors and to
pay costs of investigation.

4 MEN KILLED AND 2 HURT AS SPEEDING CAR CRASHES INTO POLE IN E. HARTFORD

MARRIAGE IS SLAVERY,
GIRLS GIVEN WARNING

Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont Says
She Would Not Recom-
mend It for Any Woman

Colorado Springs, Sept. 21.—Chiefly
because "marriage is a sort of slav-
ery," Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont of
New York, president of the national
women's party, declared here yester-
day that she would not recommend
marriage for any girl.

"I would not say in so many words
that marriage is a failure," she said,
"but it seems to me that statistics
speak for themselves."

Most of the opposition to the equal
right movement comes from the
women "of the clinging vine type,"
Mrs. Belmont said. "Intelligent men
are with us. Among the men our
only opponents are the 'small town
man' and the church organizations."

Mrs. Belmont is here to preside over
the western state conference tomorrow
of the national party and attend the
equal rights memorial pageant which
is to be given in the Garden of the
Gods Sunday afternoon.

Modern economic conditions, Mrs.
Belmont said, have much to do with
the failure of marriage. "Too many
girls of these days have supported
themselves before marriage and when
they marry they feel that someone
else is supporting them and they be-
come discontented," she said.

"Marriage can be successful when
people marry sensibly," she continued,
"think what they are doing and go
into it with their eyes open. Mar-
riage will be more successful when
women are more independent. Men
soon tire of the clinging vine type.
They like the intelligent girl best."

Mrs. Belmont said she opposed
smoking by women on economic
grounds. "In this day of competi-
tion those who want to get ahead
cannot afford to drug their brains,"
she said. "I don't think girls smok-
ing is a crime but I don't like to see
it—especially to see a girl smoking
with a man."

TAKEN ON BENCH WARRANTS

Louis W. Fodt And Joseph Schuman
Arrested Today For Transporting
Beer Stronger Than Law Allows.

Louis W. Fodt, proprietor of the
restaurant and former saloon on Arch
street, and Joseph Schuman, employ-
ed by him as a truck driver, were ar-
rested this morning by County Sheriff
Harry F. Constock and Detective
Sergeant William P. McCue of the
New Britain police department on
bench warrants issued by Judge Kel-
logg of the superior court on charges
of violating the liquor law.

Schuman, it is claimed, was driving
a truck from Bristol to New Britain
about three months ago with a cargo
of alleged beer destined for Fodt's
place of business. As the truck was
being driven through Plainville it was
spied by County Detective Edward J.
Hickey who ordered the driver to
stop. He procured a quantity of the
liquor of which an analysis has been
made and it is stronger than the 15th
amendment allows. Fodt and Schu-
man were taken to Hartford where it
is expected their cases will be heard
within a day or so.

DEPORTED TO GERMANY

Stamford Farmhand Ordered Sent
Back—Had Tried to Kill a Woman
Earlier in the Summer.

Stamford, Sept. 21.—George Weig-
lin of this city was deported to Ger-
many on order of the immigration
authorities and upon advice of State
Attorney Homer S. Cummings as an
undesirable yesterday. He had been
in the county jail awaiting trial on
the charge of assault with intent to
kill a Miss Case of Newfield avenue
on June 30. Weiglin, who was a
farm hand, threatened to do her
harm with an axe after he had seized
hold of her.

Body of Missing Boy Is Found in Two Tree Is.

New London, Sept. 21.—The body
of Robert Montgomery of Norwich,
one of the two boys who disappeared
September 10 while out in a canoe
fishing off Millstone in the town of
Waterford, was found this afternoon
on the shore of Two Tree island near
where they were last seen.

Two Tree island is a small bare
island lying three-quarters of a mile
from Millstone point at the entrance
to Niantic Bay.

Auto Knocks Down Child Of Fire Commissioner

Enrico Fumialti of 39 Oak street
reported to the police this afternoon
that while he was driving east on
Winter street at the intersection of
summer street, Helen Keever, seven-
year-old daughter of Fire Commis-
sioner John E. R. Keever, ran in
front of his machine. The girl was
knocked down but not badly hurt, he
said.

TWO GAMES SATURDAY.

Philadelphia, Sept. 21.—(American)
—Chicago-Philadelphia game post-
poned; rain double-header tomor-
row.

Tragedy Occurs on Bou- levard and Two Victims Are Hurlled Over Rail- ing Into Meadow Below

Iron Guard Rails Ripped Off
by Impact — Hartford
Man Who Tried to Aid Is
Hurt in Fall.

Hartford, Sept. 21.—Four men
were killed, two of them outright, and
two seriously injured at 2 o'clock
this morning when the car in which
they were driving toward Springfield
crashed into a trolley pole just east
of the Connecticut river bridge on the
boulevard in East Hartford and was
reduced to a mass of twisted wreck-
age.

OWNER OF CAR WAS FROM STATE OF IND.

Came to Aid, Is Hurt.
A fourth man, John Leary, of 27
Williams street, Hartford, fractured
several bones when he fell off the dry
bridge to the rocks 30 feet below, in
an attempt to extricate the injured
men from the wrecked automobile.

Two Hurlled Off.

Two of the men were hurled off the
causeway into the meadow land be-
low and the iron rails ripped off by
the force of the impact along with
several bits of wreckage from the car
were tossed below also.

Indiana Man in Car.

A registration card on the foot-
board of the car showed Steve C. Pac-
lini of Bedford, Indiana, to be the
owner of the car, and it is thought
that he was the driver as well; he was
in such condition at Hartford hospi-
tal this morning that the authorities
were unable to question him. If it
is found that Paclini was driving the
car he will be arrested, according to
the East Hartford police, who made
this statement before the mau died
this noon.

Those Killed and Injured.

The dead are:
James Benlunas, 33 Crystal avenue,
Springfield, Antonio Lalli, 185 White
street, Springfield, Pascale Lalli, 135
White street, Springfield, Steve C.
Paclini, 720 North O street, Bedford,
Ind.

Nicholas Placido, 39 Wendell ave-
nue, Springfield, in Hartford hospi-
tal; expected to recover.

Michael Delizia, 39 Wendell ave-
nue, Springfield, in St. Francis hospi-
tal with cuts and bruises; expected
to recover.

John Leary, 27 Williams street,
Hartford, in St. Francis hospital with
fractured arm and legs; will recover.

Pavement Was Slippery

The report of Patrolman William
M. Cooney, Jr., of the East Hartford
police department who responded to
a call just after the accident and
was first on the scene, declares that,
according to eyewitnesses, the
wrecked car skidded on the southern
ward, careened to the south and struck
the pole. It had been raining earlier
in the evening and the tracks were
almost directly toward Hartford
probably by the power of the rear
wheels, and jack-knifed around the
pole.

Second Car Involved

A second car with Massachusetts
registration and supposed to be from
Springfield, figured in the accident.
The two parties, the men in the In-

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HEARING MONDAY FOR RAILROAD DISCUSSION